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As I have followed the trial on TV and in the newspapers, it has been evident that the trial related to economic, philosophic and business interests. It did not relate to the typical PC owner that wants to buy a machine, turn it on and use it. Fact, there is no viable alternate operating system for the typical PC owner. If there was, people would be glad for the choice and Microsoft would not be a monopoly. Microsoft is being punished for having the only system available for the novice. The bells and whistles, like a browser, are part of what makes a PC salable to the average owner. If we had to buy a stripped OS and add all the features to make a PC work, there would be a lot less machines sitting in peoples houses. I appreciate and thank Microsoft for making my computer work. Look at what I am doing, I am sending an e-mail to the USDOJ. What a hoot! If all of these parties against Microsoft would make a competing OS for people like me, we would not be having this trial. I request that this action against Microsoft be dropped.